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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENNA 3045

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TAGS: CSCE, PFOR, FI, AU

SUBJECT: CSCE MEETING OF NEUTRALS IN HELSINKI APRIL 29-30

REF: HELSINKI 0745

1. KNOWLEDGEABLE AUSTRIAN MFA SOURCE INFORMED EMBASSY
APRIL 14 THAT AUSTRIANS ARE SKEPTICAL ABOUT UTILITY OF
APRIL 29-30 HELSINKI MEETING OF CSCE NEUTRALS, FEELING IT IS
STILL TOO EARLY TO ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP POSSIBLE OUTLINE FOR
BELGRADE 1977. HOWEVER, FINNS REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN PURSUING
IDEA OF EARLY MEETING WITH SOME VIGOR WITH OTHER CSCE
NEUTRALS AND AUSTRIANS AGREED TO GO ALONG RATHER THAN CAUSE
SHUFFLING IN RANKS OF NEUTRALS AT THIS EARLY DATE. GOA
HAS NOT YET BEGUN TO DEVELOP ANY POSITIONS ON ITEMS
FOR BELGRADE 1977 AND AUSTRIAN MFA THEREFORE FEELS
THAT RESULTS OF UPCOMING HELSINKI MEETING ARE LIKELY
TO BE INCONCLUSIVE AND OF LIMITED VALUE.

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2. ACCORDING TO SAME FMA SOURCE, SOVIET EMBASSY REPS IN VIENNA HAVE EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN PROJECTED HELSINKI MEETING OF NEUTRALS AND THEIR QUERIES TO AUSTRIAN MFA SUGGEST CERTAIN SOVIET WARINESS AS TO MOTIVES OF FINNS IN PROMOTING MEETING. AUSTRIANS TOLD SOVIETS THAT THEY ANTICIPATE HELSINKI GATHERING TAKING FORM OF INFORMAL GENERAL DISCUSSION OF POST-CSCE DEVELOPMENTS WITHOUT DEVELOPMENT OF ANY GUIDELINES FOR NEUTRALS RE BELGRADE 1977.

3. AUSTRIAN REPRESENTATIVE AT HELSINKI MEETING WILL BE MINISTER HELMUT LIEDERMANN, WHO WAS AUSTRIAN CSCE DELEGATION HEAD AT GENEVA CSCE NEGOTIATIONS AND WHO IS IN CHARGE OF MFA EUROPEAN SECURITY SECTION. MEEHAN

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